



## **Texas Department of Insurance**

### **Division of Workers' Compensation**

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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## **MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Requestor Name and Address**

ATLAS INJURY & REHAB  
615 S ASTER ST  
PHARR, TX 78577

#### **Respondent Name**

TEXAS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO

#### **Carrier's Austin Representative Box**

Box Number 54

#### **MFDR Tracking Number**

M4-11-4762-01

### **REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY**

**Requestor's Position Summary from Table of Disputed Services:** "filed w/in time limit"

**Amount in Dispute:** \$650.00

### **RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY**

**Respondent's Position Summary:** "DWC MDR has stated that the evidence must satisfy the requirements of 28 TAC §102.4(h)...The documents submitted by the requestor clearly do not fall in the category of evidence envisioned by DWC MDR as substantiating timely bill submission. For this reason no payment is due."

**Response Submitted by:** Texas Mutual Insurance Company, 6210 E. Hwy 290, Austin, TX 78723

### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
September 29, 2010	CPT CODE 99456-WP	\$650.00	\$0.00

### **FINDINGS AND DECISION**

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

#### **Background**

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20 sets out the procedures for health care providers to submit workers' compensation medical bills for reimbursement.
3. 28 Texas Administrative Code §102.4 sets out the rules for Non-Commission Communications.
4. Texas Labor Code §408.027 sets out the rules for timely submission of a claim by a health care provider.
5. Texas Labor Code §408.0272 sets out the rules for certain exceptions for untimely submission of a claim by a

health care provider.

6. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:

Explanation of benefits dated March 24, 2011

- CAC-29- The time limit for filing has expired.
- 731-Per 133.20 providers shall not submit a medical bill later than the 95<sup>th</sup> day after the date the service, for services on or after 9/1/05

### **Issues**

1. Did the requestor submit the medical bill for the services in dispute timely and in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20?
2. Did the requestor submit documentation to support the disputed bills were submitted timely in accordance with Texas Labor Code, Section §408.027 and 28 Texas Administrative Code §102.4?
3. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement?

### **Findings**

1. Pursuant to 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.20(b) states in pertinent part "Except as provided in Texas Labor code §408.0272...a health care provider shall not submit a medical bill later than the 95<sup>th</sup> day after the date the services are provided." No documentation was found to support that §408.0272, applies to the service in dispute. For that reason, the requestor in this dispute was required to send the medical bill no later than 95 days after the service in dispute was provided. 28 Texas Administrative Code §102.4(h) states "Unless the great weight of evidence indicates otherwise, written communications shall be deemed to have been sent on: (1) the date received, if sent by fax, personal delivery, or electronic transmission or, (2) the date postmarked if sent by mail via United States Postal Service regular mail, or, if the postmark date is unavailable, the later of the signature date on the written communication or the date it was received minus five days. If the date received minus five days is a Sunday or legal holiday, the date deemed sent shall be the next previous day which is not a Sunday or legal holiday."
2. Review of the documentation submitted by the Requestor finds two copies of a medical bill with printed date 10/18/2010, two fax transmittal reports dated 04/14/2011, 03/03/2011, one Explanation of Benefits dated March 24, 2011 and a copy of Patient Day Sheet. No documentation was found to sufficiently support that a bill was submitted to the Respondent within 95 days from the day services were provided.
3. In accordance with Texas Labor Code §408.027, the Requestor has forfeited the right to reimbursement due to untimely submission of the medical bill for the service in dispute.

### **Conclusion**

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

## ***ORDER***

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

### **Authorized Signature**

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Signature

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Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

01/13/2012  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### ***YOUR RIGHT TO REQUEST AN APPEAL***

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to request an appeal. A request for hearing must be in writing and it must be received by the DWC Chief Clerk of Proceedings within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. A request for hearing should be sent to: Chief Clerk of Proceedings, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers Compensation, P.O. Box 17787, Austin, Texas, 78744. The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request for a hearing to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §148.3(c), including a **certificate of service demonstrating that the request has been sent to the other party**.

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